



Sewer/Water Commission MEETING MINUTES

August 13, 2014

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: R. Anderson & D. Taivalkoski

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: J. Hewitt

VILLAGE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: A.M. Clausen

Staff: T. Beyer, K. Wahlen, D. Snyder & D. Colson

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by R. Anderson

2. Public Comment –

Steve Weber, 4427 Durand Ave, stated that he received a bill for a vacant house he recently purchased to rehab. He feels that the charge of \$125 is too high for it being vacant. T. Beyer stated that they had discussed on the phone that the only way to cease the bill was to disconnect the sewer from the main. R. Anderson stated that we have a flat fee for residential sewer whether the house is occupied or not, there is no way to keep track of occupancy.

3. Approval of the July 9th & July 15th, 2014 meeting minutes

D. Taivalkoski motioned, R. Anderson seconded to approve the July 9, 2014 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Taivalkoski motioned, R. Anderson seconded to approve the July 15, 2014 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Monthly Expenditure Approval – July 2014

D. Taivalkoski motioned, R. Anderson seconded to approve the July 2014 monthly expenditures. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Projects

334) Lateral Replacement Program – Phase II – update

T. Beyer reported that the Phase II, Contract B is almost complete, there are only two or three laterals left to be lined.

Meter 11 Flow Monitoring

T. Beyer reported that we are at the point with the interim flow monitoring that we can pull the extra meters installed for flow monitoring within the Rehab program and just use the master meter for readings; this will save the utility a couple hundred dollars per month by removing them. D. Snyder added that Racine has reported seeing a reduction in flow at Meter 11.



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436) 4510 & 4522 County Line Road Sanitary Sewer Extension

T. Beyer reported that this short sewer extension should be underway shortly, the property owner is currently getting estimates for the work.

440) Land & Lakes Sanitary Sewer Extension

T. Beyer reported that this sewer extension is currently underway.

Miscellaneous

Sturtevant – STH 11 Agreement

K. Wahlen and T. Beyer are working with Sturtevant on this. There is a joint Village Board meeting with Mount Pleasant and Sturtevant tonight to hopefully resolve this issue.

2013 Audit

R. Anderson stated that he reviewed the draft 2013 audit and feels we are strong on the balance sheet but noticed that we only had an increase of \$10,000 in operating revenues.

2015 Draft Budget

T. Beyer stated that he tried to provide backup to where we are at with I&I work. The most recent TAC meeting has thrown up some red flags of other metered areas where we have problems. T. Beyer stated that he is planning on getting a letter from K. Haas indicating capacity exceedance, staff will determine if the Utility should shift the next lateral rehab phase to a different sewer shed.

T. Beyer stated that the budget is currently in the red with the way it is laid out, if the rate were to be raised to \$130/qtr the utility will probably still be in the red but less next year. D. Snyder stated to keep in mind that there will be projects coming up soon for repair. R. Anderson asked that this be put on the next month's agenda so that J. Hewitt can give input as well regarding the budget.

Comparison of quarterly flows – 2012 to 2014

Informational material for the Commission.

Claim for damages at 3301 Spring Street

T. Beyer stated that a claim was received from a resident at 3301 Spring Street for damages that occurred from a sewer backup in their basement. He stated that in the past this type of claim has typically been denied. R. Anderson stated to go ahead and turn it in to the insurance company and let them handle the claim.

To convene into closed session per WI §19.85(1)(e) to deliberate or negotiate the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a



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closed session: Specifically the potential Sewer Agreement with the Village of Caledonia.

R. Anderson motioned, D. Taivalkoski seconded to convene into closed session at 8:10am. Motion carried unanimously.

Reconvene into open session to consider any motion on any of the matters discussed under the closed session listed above.

D. Taivalkoski motioned, R. Anderson seconded to reconvene into open session at 8:48am. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Taivalkoski motioned, R. Anderson seconded to authorize staff to continue negotiations related to the agreement with Caledonia for the CTH V sewer extension and authorize GAI to begin preliminary survey and easement work related to the sewer extension. Motion carried unanimously.

- 6. Adjournment** - D. Taivalkoski motioned, R. Anderson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 am. Motion carried unanimously.